

WHITEWATER CANAL AQUEDUCT

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An original aqueduct was built over Duck Creek at Metamora about 1843. This was washed out by the flood of 1847 and rebuilt directly afterward, probably in 1848. The canal of which it was part was built from Cincinnati up the Whitewater Valley thru Brookville, Metamora, Laurel, Connersville, Milton and Cambridge City, where it met the old National Road, and as far north as Hagerstown, Indiana.

The aqueduct at Metamora was altered about 1868 by adding some bracing to strengthen it. About 1901 the bottom of it was repaired and raised about 18" to its present place. These have been the major changes made to date. It is now used for carrying water to a power plant below on the canal. Other similar structures were in use at Laurel and other places on the canal, but these have all been destroyed. With the advent of the railroad the old tow path was bought for that use and now carries the Big Four railroad.

(From an account by G.W. Maguire, Metamora)

(Signed)

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